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1. The Prime Minister of Bulgaria is reported to have had a physical breakdown at the conference recently held at Bled, Yugoslavia. He returned to Bulgaria a very sick man and immediately thereafter went into retirement. His present whereabouts are unknown. It has been rumored that the Prime Minister is in Russia reporting on the conference. On 11 August the newspapers in Bulgaria stated that Dimitrov has taken leave for one month.
2. Since 9 September the Bulgarian public has had access to the former Royal summer palace at Euxinograd and its grounds. Suddenly, on 1 August the palace and the entire grounds were closed to the public. According to the guards on duty at the entrance to the palace grounds, "foreign diplomats of importance are now there" but the public will again be admitted after 1 September. It seems very probable that Dimitrov is at Euxinograd.

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It has been reported in the press that V. Kolarov is the official resident at Euxinograd in his capacity as President of Bulgaria. The palace was said to be heavily guarded.)

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